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Notes for using the Guide

Denmark, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. We therefore recommend that this report is read in conjunction with the EU Certification Guide produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium: Gain Report Number: E36071 (http://useu.usmission.gov/agri/certification_guide.html).

Unfortunately for exporters, the EU's rules on certification for imports are complicated and are not always harmonized across Member States. This report lists the required Export Certificates for exports to Denmark, which are not yet harmonized.

Danish Competent Authorities, checking Export Certificates

The Veterinary and Food Administration, Ministry of Family and Consumer Affairs is responsible for the inspection of animals, meat and meat products, and animal feed. The Plant Directorate, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries is responsible for the inspection of all plant-derived products. Regulation 2004/882/EC sets out the standards for control of compliance with the General Food Law (2002/178/EC).

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U.S. Competent Authorities, issuing Export Certificates

The U.S. issuing agencies are identified by their acronyms. Following is a list of these and the relevant websites of each agency for further information.

USDA / FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

Export Requirements for the European Union:

www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_and_Policies/European_Union_Requirements/index.asp

USDA / APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

USDA International Animal Export Regulations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/ee.html

International Animal Product Export Regulations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/products/pr_ee.html

Export Services:

www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pim/exports/

USDA/ AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service

USDA European Union Health Certification Program: www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/eu_prgm.htm

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

www.fda.gov/cber/gdlns/exptrcert.htm#iv

USDA / FGIS: Federal Grain Inspection Service;

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

www.usda.gov/gipsa/international/intl-services.htm

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/trade/EUCONTENTS.htm>

Related reports from FAS offices in the EU:

Visit the USEU website: the website <http://useu.usmission.gov/agri/certificates-overview.html> which provides a broad range of useful information on EU import rules and food laws and allows easy access to USEU reports, trade information and other practical information. More information on certification can be found at http://useu.usmission.gov/agri/certification_guide.html.

Report Number	Title	Date Released
DA6009	Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards, Country Report - Denmark	08/09/2006
E36071	EU Certification Guide	
These reports can be accessed through the FAS website: http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/attacherep/default.asp		

Danish Export Certificate Requirements

In general, Denmark formulates specific import certificate requirements on an as-needed basis, where these are not EU harmonized.

For plant products, regulated by the Danish Plant Directorate, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Danish import legislation only includes regulation providing for the implementation of EU regulations. It should, however, be noted that Denmark forms part of the protected zone for Rhizomania (See European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) website at www.eppo.org).

For food products, which are regulated by the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Ministry of Family and Consumer Affairs, the present regulations only include Danish-specific requirements for crocodile meat and seal oils.

Certificate Matrix

Product	Title of Certificate		Attestation Required on Certificate		Purpose		Requesting Ministry
Crocodile Meat	Health and Hygiene Certificate		See details in Section II below		Food Safety		Ministry of Family and Consumers Affairs

In addition to the above requirement, imports of seal oils are also regulated (without certificate requirements). However, documentation for the seals are slaughtered at approved establishments and slaughtered hygienic is required.

Specific Attestation Required on the Export Certificate

Certificate requirement for imports into Denmark of fresh, chilled, frozen meat of farmed crocodiles (hereunder alligators).

At the import, the meat must be accompanied by a health and hygiene certificate, issued of the competent authorities in the country of origin and signed by an official veterinarian. The certificate must contain the following information:

1. Country of origin of the animals
2. That the meat origins from animals under official veterinary control
3. That the animals have been slaughtered and treated at establishments authorized by competent authorities of the country and under the supervision of these authorities.
4. That the animals have been ante and post mortem controlled by which they have been found healthy and the meat suitable for consumption.
5. That the meat has been examined and found free of trichinas or has been frozen for securing that possible trichinas have been killed, according to Appendix IV of EC Directive 77/96 of December 21, 1976.
6. That the meat has been frozen for securing killing of possible tapeworms (Spitometra erinacei) at minimum 10 degrees Centigrade for 24 hours.
7. That the meat has been inspected and found free of salmonella.

Livestock meat, poultry meat and farmed game (hereunder crocodiles) can only be imported into EU if a health certificate established by the EU for humane slaughtering accompanies it.